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SUBJECT: ASEAN FOLLOW-UP: LETTER TO FONMIN RAJARATNAM

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER FROM SECRETARY VANCE TO FONMIN  
RAJARATNAM. PLEASE PASS ADVANCE COPY; SIGNED ORIGINAL BEING  
POUCHED.

QTE: DEAR MR. MINISTER:

UPON YOUR RETURN TO SINGAPORE, I WANT TO EXPRESS  
MY APPRECIATION FOR YOUR ENERGETIC EFFORTS WITHIN  
ASEAN AND IN THE UNITED STATES TO MAKE THE RECENT  
ASEAN-US MINISTERIAL DIALOGUE A SUCCESS. IT WAS  
IMPORTANT THAT AMERICAN LEADERS IN THE ADMINISTRATION,  
THE CONGRESS AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR GAIN AN UNDER-  
STANDING OF THE PROGRESS AND DYNAMISM OF ASEAN WHICH  
IS A KEY ELEMENT IN THE NEW ERA UNFOLDING IN SOUTHEAST  
ASIA. IT WAS MOST REWARDING FOR ME TO HEAR THE COGENT  
VIEWS OF YOU AND YOUR COLLEAGUES, PARTICULARLY AS THEY

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RELATED TO YOUR EXPERIENCE AS AN ESTABLISHED INTER-  
NATIONAL STATESMAN AND KEEN OBSERVER OF ASIAN DEVELOP-  
MENTS.

I ALSO VERY MUCH APPRECIATED THE ATMOSPHERE OF  
OUR MEETING. IT WAS APPROPRIATE FOR DISCUSSIONS BY  
FRIENDS WHO, AS YOU POINTED OUT, SHARE MANY COMMON

ATTITUDES AND INSTITUTIONS. IN THAT REGARD, WE WILL  
SEE TO IT THAT YOU AND YOUR GOVERNMENT ARE INFORMED  
OF DEVELOPMENTS IN KEY AREAS AFFECTING US BOTH SUCH  
AS IN INDOCHINA AND THE INDIAN OCEAN.

THERE ARE, OF COURSE, ISSUES YET TO BE RESOLVED,  
BUT I THINK WE CAN LOOK FORWARD TO SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS  
DURING THE COMING YEAR. I KNOW THAT YOU AND I SHARE  
THE COMMON WISH TO CONTINUE THE MOMENTUM WHICH HAS NOW  
BEEN ESTABLISHED.

MY VERY BEST WISHES FOR THE CONTINUED SUCCESS OF  
SINGAPORE IN MANAGING THE FLUX OF FORCES AND CHANGING  
TRENDS IN ASIA.

SINCERELY. END QTE. VANCE

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